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29 July 1958

I N T E L L I G E N C E A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 29 July 1958

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. Gordon Arneson, acting for Director of Intelligence and
Research, Department of State
Major General Robert Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral V. L. Lowrance, acting Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General James H. Walsh, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Robert A. Breitweiser, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission
representative to the IAC
Mr. Sam Papich, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes

22 July Meeting

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a. Approved as written, subject to the deletion of "and no early IAC meeting is scheduled" in the seventh and eighth lines of paragraph 3 b.

b. Mr. Sheldon referred to the question raised at last week's IAC meeting with respect to CIA assuming responsibility for transmitting to all other IAC agencies information regarding a crisis situation which was passed to CIA by another agency (IAC-M-353, item 4). He stated that, after studying the problem, it was his view that CIA should not assume this responsibility prior to the installation of its new technical facilities about 1 September. The members concurred in this view.

2. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 416

Noted.

b. Review of Sensitive Situations

The members noted a memorandum, dated 28 July, entitled "The Middle East Crisis," which had been concurred in by the IAC representatives. After discussion it was agreed that no further formal action should be taken on this paper, with the understanding that each member should use this report as he saw fit.

Mr. Arneson commented on the implications of the Singapore elections and the situation in Laos. He also informed the members regarding certain aspects of the talks which the Secretary of State had while he was abroad recently, including his conversation with Adenauer, discussions bearing on the Baghdad Pact and exchanges of view with the British. General Schow invited the members' attention to reports on developments in Haiti.

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3. Comparative Evaluation Studies

(IAC-D-126, 24 July; Limited distribution)

After reviewing and discussing pertinent background information, the members concurred in Mr. Dulles' memorandum on this subject (IAC-D-126), including his designation of [redacted]

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[redacted] USAF (Ret.), as the intelligence representative on the group undertaking the initial study. It was agreed that each IAC agency would submit to the Secretary, IAC, the name of an individual who would be a point of contact for [redacted] within that agency, to facilitate the finding of experts in the field covered by this study.

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4. NIE 20-58

The Outlook for Western Europe

a. Approved as amended.

b. No member objected to the release of this estimate to USIA.

5. SNIE 71-58

France and North Africa

a. Approved as amended.

b. Agreed to release this estimate to USIA.

6. SNIE 100-6-58

Implications of Certain US Earth Satellite Programs

a. Approved.

b. Agreed not to release this estimate to USIA.

7. Revision of NSCIDs

The Chairman advised that IAC-USCIB action on draft NSCID No. 6 (IAC-D-123/1, 23 July) had been completed but that the Joint Staff had raised a question with respect to draft NSCID No. 7.

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General Breitweiser then circulated copies of changes in the draft NSCID No. 7 which had been proposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, dated 24 February 1958, and later circulated by the Executive Secretary, NSC to the members of the NSC by a memorandum of 11 March. After discussion the members approved a revision of the new draft NSCID No. 7 incorporating the changes proposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Chairman stated that if NSA and General Erskine's office approved the draft NSCID No. 7 as revised by the IAC members, it would constitute final IAC-USCIB action on the draft NSCID No. 7.* The members noted also that, following the receipt of these formal concurrences on the draft NSCID No. 7, all of the necessary IAC-USCIB actions with respect to the draft NSCIDs 1 through 7 would have been completed and they would be ready for submission to the NSC.

8. Budgetary Discussion

The Chairman read and commented on a letter to Mr. Dulles from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, bearing on the foreign positive strategic intelligence cost estimates for the intelligence community. After discussion, the members agreed that copies of the letter and its enclosures should be circulated to each IAC member. It was also agreed that a working group, under the Chairmanship of the CIA Comptroller, should review these data and make recommendations to the IAC with respect to standardizing criteria for developing and presenting intelligence cost estimates.

9. U.S. Nuclear Tests

Dr. Reichardt informed the members regarding certain statements which the Soviet press had made with respect to U.S. nuclear tests.

*Subsequent to the IAC meeting, NSA and General Erskine's office concurred in the draft NSCID No. 7 as revised by the IAC members.

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Adjournment: 1135



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